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SUBJECT Transfer of Military Units from  
Slovakia to Western Bohemia

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1. The infantry units formerly garrisoned at Zvolen and Jelsava and the artillery unit formerly at Brezno nad Hronom have been transferred from their bases in Slovakia to the border area around Puchatice in western Bohemia. It is not known whether this is a permanent transfer or whether these units will return to their former garrisons in Slovakia following their military training in the border area. The reason for this transfer is that most of these troops are Slovak veterans with combat experience and they are therefore well qualified to strengthen the border defense.
2. These units were recently engaged in an extensive, nine-week training program in which 20 Soviet instructors took part. They practiced both attack and organized withdrawal from the border. Emphasis was laid upon the use of artillery and mortars, and the sub-machine gun "hnedeny" model 49 and the sub-machine gun "alloyed" model 49 were also tested.

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\*   Comment: "hnedeny" is a Slovak word meaning browned or burnished.

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